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1. ALL GG MEMBERS MET UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF ALEXANDER (UK)
TO HEAR VIEWS FROM CAPITALS AND EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS ON
1978-79 AND 1980-81 BUDGETS OF WHO. CAPITALS REPRESENTED
BY DR DEVILLIERS (CANADA), DR CUMMINGS (AUSTRALIA), DR
KILGOUR (UK), DRS DE CAIRES AND GAULDFELDT (US). FRANCE
WAS REPRESENTED BY MISSOFF AND DID NOT SPEAK ON SUBJECT.

2. 1978-1979 BUDGET: UK FEELS THAT WHO IS WELLBEHAVED AND
TRIES TO ACCOMMODATE GG. GENERALLY, ANNUAL INCREASES ARE
TOLERABLE IF LESS THAN ONE PERCENT IN REAL TERMS. AUSTRALIA
AND SWITZERLAND AGREE. U.S. EXPRESSED ITS DIFFICULTIES
WITH THE BUDGET IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL AS WELL AS SIZE OF
UNCOMMITTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CON-
FERENCE AND G-SALARY ADD-ONS, AND RELATED ISSUES.
WE EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT LIKELIHOOD OF
GOING ALONG WITH PROPOSED INCREASES UNDER PRESENT CIR-
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CUMSTANCES BUT MIGHT RECONSIDER POSITION IF DG TOOK
MEANINGFUL ACTION TO EFFECT SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS. FRG
AND JAPAN JOINED US IN CONCERN ABOUT RISING BUDGET OF
WHO. CANADA STATED THAT ITS POSITION NOT AS YET FIRM
BUT OUTSIDE THE MEETING ADVISED US IT WAS PARALLEL
TO OURS. UK EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WE COULD BE FLEXIBLE
AND AGREED ON REQUEST TO INCLUDE OUR CONCERNS IN

THEIR COMMENTS. UK FEELS THAT GG APPROACH SHOULD BE TO APPLY GENTLE PRESSURE RATHER THAN TAKE A FIRM LINE, AS LATTER LIKELY TO STIMULATE THE LDGS INTO A STRONG STAND.

3. EXCHANGE RATE. RATE WAS UNREALISTIC AND SHOULD BE ADJUSTED DOWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM ITS 2.65 TO THE DOLLAR. HOWEVER, JAPAN RAISED DILEMMA THAT LOWER EXCHANGE RATE WOULD INCREASE MEMBER ASSESSMENTS FURTHER. JAPAN PROPOSED GREATER USE OF CASUAL INCOME. THIS SUPPORTED BY UK AND US. WE POINTED OUT THAT OUR EARLIER PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS REDUCES STRAIN ON WORKING CAPITAL FUND AND ALSO WILL INCREASE INTEREST COLLECTED ON INVESTMENTS, THUS BOOSTING CASUAL INCOME.

4. 1980-81 BUDGET. THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT IS GG IS TO EXERCISE ANY INFLUENCE, BUDGET MUST BE DISCUSSED SOON. U.S. SUGGESTED IT GO ON AGENDA OF THIS EB. UK WILL INSURE THAT IT COMES UP FOR DISCUSSION.

5. COMMENTS: UK, CANADA AND U.S. HAVE REMARKABLE SIMILAR VIEWS ON MANY OF THE ISSUES AND WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER. AUSTRALIA ENTIRELY SUPPORTIVE OF WHO PROGRAM AND BUDGET.CATTO

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